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We also have Parlor Suits from the largest and best factories. You can see them in Walnut, Cherry, Oak, and Mahogany. Frames upholstered in Hair-Cloth, Silk Plush, Brocatelle, Tapestry, &c. A large stock just unpacked and ready for lookers at 8 in the morning. EVERY KIND IN STOCK. The easy terms are yours.

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FIRST TO A MUSICIAN.

Old Bull's Memory to Be Honored by a Monument.

TO BE ERECTED BY NORSEMEN.

The Norwegian Wizard of the Bow Will Have This Unique Honor—History of His Remarkable Life and Career.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., October 12.—The first monument erected to any musician in the United States will be the one that is to be raised here by the Norsemen of this country to the memory of Ole Bull, the great violinist. It will be the first statue of him erected anywhere, and will be placed in one of the parks of this city. An association has been formed, of which John W. Arntsen is president, and Charles Kettelson, of the Columbia National Bank, is treasurer. Mr. Arntsen says: The committee expects to raise the necessary funds before the first of January, and to unveil the statue on the 12th of August next, the anniversary of his death. "Two ways have been adopted, the one concrete given in different cities, the other popular subscriptions of persons and societies have volunteered their services for concerts in various cities of the Union, and it is expected that in all, during the month of December, over one hundred will be given. One concert will be given in Minneapolis during November, but the largest will be given in the Swedish Hall early in December. At this entertainment Mrs. Bull will be present and will play the accompaniment to his, "The Choral Girl's Song." Edward Remmell has volunteered his services on the cello, and it is hoped that Alexander Bull will be present.

Ole Bull is known to the world as a violinist, but there was a side to his character greater than any professional attainment could give. His countrymen revere him as a patriot and philanthropist, and many declare it is difficult to tell in which he is to be remembered longest. Never in his greatest successes, did he forget that he was a Norwegian, and his greatest musical triumphs were life-thoughts of Norway, filled with the spirit of misty mountains of the Northland.

A PRODIGY. Olaus Bornemann Bull was his real name, and he was born in the city of Bergen, old town of legend, guarded by the Seven Mountains, on February 8, 1810. His father was a somewhat noted poet, and his mother a sister of the poet Storm. Of brother and sisters he had nine. The family was highly intellectual and musical, and at the age of five he was a devoted prodigy, standing at his mother's knee and playing on the violin while she manipulated the screws, which refused to yield to his baby fingers. He was started for school at the usual age, but could not have

made a very brilliant record, for when he came to the Latin school the old rector said to him: "Go back to your fiddle, boy; don't waste your time here," and yet he must have done something.



OLE BULL.
(From photograph taken in 1852.)

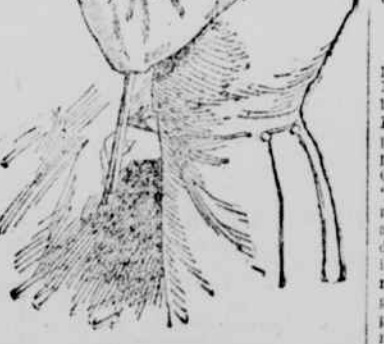
For we find him, before he was twenty, at the university at Christiania. His family had early designed him for the Church, and his father objected to his music whenever it interfered with his studies, so he practiced too often by stealth, frequently wandering away to the mountains in the long summer twilight, sometimes playing till the morning light showed him the way back. Then stories of a musical ghost haunting the mountains became current among the people, and they began to believe that the days of Norway were not over. When he was returning, Mr. Bull always insisted that part of the time his playing at home drove the evil spirits away. But he had some good musical teaching, and had attracted some attention. At his university examination he failed, which his friends anticipated, and had secured for him the post of director of the Philharmonic Society. Then his determination to pursue his musical studies further, and went to Cassel to study with Spohr, but he heard him and Wiele and the eldest of the Mulla brothers play in a concert. So entirely different from their production was his own conception of their music that he returned to the university fully persuaded he was not a musician. "This determination could not have lasted long, for he is in Paris when, scarcely 21, when Paganini was drawing crowded houses. Here he was in dire distress, even threw himself into the Seine, hoping that death would end his sufferings, but he was rescued by the great detective, Vidove. Then he went to Milan, thence to Bologna, where he met Malibran, and his success became assured.

AN ACTIVE LIFE. In 1838 he married Alexandrine Felice, granddaughter of his old friend, Mino, Villenot, and for the ensuing forty

years was in active life. In the following sixteen months he gave 24 concerts in Great Britain, then he went to Germany and Russia, everywhere welcomed with enthusiasm. In 1843 he came to America and stayed nearly a year. "He made his debut," said an eye-witness, "in the old Park Theatre in New York. It was Saturday night, and only a fair house greeted him, and it did not show the greatest enthusiasm, but when he appeared Monday night following there was no standing-room left, and the building fairly rocked with the repeated bursts of applause." From that time forward his name was a household word in America. In 1842 he came back and made a tour of the South and West with a troupe of which Adolphus, Paul, then eight years old, and his sister Amelia and Max Strakosch were members. He stayed till 1847. Then he returned to Europe, where he remained several years. In 1852 his wife died. In 1857 he came back and went West immediately and was received with unbounded enthusiasm. Never was he so acceptable to the people, whose towns turning out to meet him with torchlight processions. In 1859 he gave his services to the Peace Jubilee, and immediately sailed for Norway. In 1870 his marriage was announced, the bride being Miss Sara C. Thorpe, of Madison, Wis., who, with her daughter Cecelia, resided at Cambridge, Mass., and is known as an authoress and translator of the works of the Norwegian, Jonas Lie. In 1876 he returned to his country, and remained till 1880, when he went back to Norway, and he reached it in time to die at his home in Lyse on August 17th.

TO NO SCHOOL.

As a musician he was an inspired interpreter of nature, and as such beyond all criticism. He belonged to no school, and he was above and beyond all schools.



PART OF PROPOSED STATUE TO OLE BULL.

for he was above and beyond all schools. He developed under Paganini, and was called by admirers "the fawn-haired Paganini." "Wherein lay his power?" said Mme. Ure, the violinist, to me a few days ago. "In his wonderful tone—wonderful in quantity, wonderful in quality, in strength; in his technique,

peculiar and masterful; in his magnificent conception of his music; in his spirit and grand, soaring in his magnificent, majestic, a giant in appearance and more than a giant in power." He was greater than a musician, great as he was with his violin. He was a philanthropist, broad as the earth, an intense republican, yet a son of Norway. He was one of those great men of whom the world sees but few.

So as may be expected, he could not contain himself to mere stage life. He would benefit his people. In 1852, just before starting south, he began to execute his cherished scheme of aiding his fellow-countrymen who wished to emigrate. He bought a tract of land in Pennsylvania, on the Susquehanna River, 1,500 acres, and built 20 dwellings, a church, a tavern, and a town store, and settled 20 people. So many applications for land were received that he purchased 2,000 acres in an adjoining county, but suddenly a collapse came, for his land titles were found to be imperfect, and his agent had played a rascal's game. Then came five long years of trouble and lawsuit—his countrymen even doubting him, but in the end triumph and greater faith in him than ever. This experiment failed, but later he was soon engaged in similar practical work in the West, which was successful. Later he tried to revive Italian opera in New York, but after spending a fortune he gave up the attempt.

DEED POOR. In his day he made a great deal of money, frequently receiving \$500 per night. In one trip he must have made nearly \$100,000, but he died poor. His valuables were given to personal friends. He favored violinists of the Schlegel-Hartford, Conn. He has published only a few pieces—"Adagio Religioso," "Opus 2, Variations from Bellini," and "Opus 3, Nocturne," or, as it is better known, "The Mother's Prayer." This was by far his most popular selection, and wherever played carried the audience with it. He studied classical music, but was greater in his own creations, where Norse thought and life prevailed.

His son, Alexander, is known throughout Europe as an eminent musician and manager. He was in the country with his father, but his work has been confined mostly to Europe, and he has a dislike for concert work anyway. He is expected in this country early in October. They Didn't Swear. The Rev. Ogle C. Cates, a Methodist preacher in Kingman, Kan., says the New Orleans Picayune, "is a famous baseball player. Recently a club at Okla. Okla. wanted his services as pitcher, and in order to secure them, paid him price of \$5 and all his expenses. On the day of the game, just before 'play' was called, Pitcher Cates had the nine in which he was playing clustered around the home-plate, and then addressed them as follows: 'Boys, I believe in athletic sports, but you all know my dislike for profane or vulgar language. I believe that baseball can be played without the use of language that none of us would introduce in our parlors or home circles. While I have agreed to pitch this game, I also reserve the right to quit at any time a number uses profane and vulgar language. Let us play with that understanding.' Then the game went on, and during the entire game the request of Pitcher Cates was rigorously respected. Not a profane or vulgar word was heard, and the effect it had on the players met with great comment among those witnessing the game."

MANY BLUE RIBBONS.

TAKEN BY THE CATTLE OF BLACKSBURG COLLEGE FARM.

Coal-Mine Development—The Several Clubs—Foot-Ball Team—Contents Booked—Y. M. C. A. Services—Personal Notes—A Much-Needed Rain.

BLACKSBURG, VA., October 12.—(Special.)—Professor D. O. Name, of the agricultural department of the college, has returned from the Lynchburg Fair, whither he had been with an exhibit of cattle, sheep, and hogs from the college farm. He is very well pleased with the result of his trip, his animals having taken eight out of a possible eleven blue ribbons. The Angus-Aberdeen cattle are especially fine, and were very greatly admired by the Governor when he was here in the latter part of the summer.

Your correspondent drove in company with some friends out to Kanake & Shaver's coal mine recently. The drive is a beautiful one, following the Salt Pond road for some distance and then branching off to the right into the heart of Brush mountain. Mr. Kanake has recently opened a new entrance to his mine, and is now running a very fine quality of coal. The manager, Mr. Allen, courteously showed us through the whole mine, and three strata of coal may be very distinctly seen, the first a hard coal, the second softer, and the third or bottom strata a very soft vein, which burns readily, and with a beautiful glow. By the aid of improved machinery the owner is enabled to mine with greater expedition than when I was last there; though our old friend, the donkey, was still in service and easily recognizable.

SUPPLIES PLentiful.

Already we are commencing to voice the hope that this winter will not equal in severity the last, but however this may be, the people of this county surely cannot suffer. Apples, potatoes and pumpkins are almost embarrassingly abundant; then at every farm-house one sees large broods of geese, chickens, turkeys, and ducks. The dry weather has been exceedingly favorable to the second broods of all fowls, and we very much hope that Mrs. Bob White was enterprising enough to bring out in every instance two broods. The cover, however, is so short and thin that the birds are fearfully exposed to the ravages of hawks, who are much more successful as hunters than any devotee of the sport whom I know. But speaking of the products, one cannot imagine the quantity of pumpkins; they are in every corral, and so thick that teamsters cannot avoid them in hauling up the grain. I know I have seen billions of them, and then to cap the climax, Judge Cassell had to go and raise one that they say weighs 50 pounds. I have not seen it.

FOOT-BALL.

Our foot-ball team returned from Charlottesville in fine condition, and have nothing but words of praise for their opponents there. They say they were handsomely entertained and fairly and squarely defeated. By the way, the telegram from Charlottesville in Sunday's

Dispatch was read here with pride and satisfaction. The various college clubs have all, I think, organized. Among them are the Richmond, Norfolk, Montgomery, Petersburg, Pittsylvania, etc., etc. By the way, Mr. J. A. A. Barron, a president of the Richmond club, and not heemias, as the type-setter made it last week. These clubs are in no sense secret, and do a great deal of good in setting a young fellow straight when he comes, and getting him started right.

The college has recently purchased a large and improved boiler for its shops. This is a very cumbersome and awkward piece of machinery, but under the expert supervision of Mr. W. G. Connor it is being put in place very nicely.

Mrs. D. C. Shanks and child have again arrived, and are occupying their cozy home. Judge John Gordon, the old and honored treasurer of our college, has been so indisposed for the past few days as to be compelled to keep his bed. With the exception of a few days, he has been treasurer of the institution for fifteen years or more. In this time he has won the affections of all the students and more than one faculty.

Y. M. C. A. MEETINGS.

Rev. Charles Strongfellow, of Arrington, Va. is here by invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association conducting a series of meetings with that body. His meetings are well attended, and though I cannot judge, since at this writing he has but just commenced them, it is sincerely hoped that they will result in great good being done to all, both professing Christians and those who are not. The reverend gentleman has unquestionably a most pleasing manner and delivery. His experiences as one of the most daring sea-rovers in the army cast a halo about him, which were his own manner so attractive, would secure him the attention of every Virginia college boy.

The Knights of Pythias in Blacksburg are at present a strong organization. They have already some forty odd names on their rolls. By special request Rev. James M. Halladay, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will address them as a body in the Methodist church on the fourth Sabbath of October.

Miss Bolton, of New York city, who came here to enter a relative in the college, is at present a guest of Dr. J. M. McHardy. Messrs. Jewell, Porcher, Munroe, and Wheeler have been notified to report in Washington on the 14th to stand the competitive examination for assistant engineers in the revenue marine.

After one of the severest and most trying droughts experienced for a long time, rain fell here on the evening of the 7th. Our people hope that this is but the precursor of more frequent and liberal showers, since the deep-water springs already show signs of abatement, while in some of the brooks and shallow streams not a drop of water is to be found. Mrs. Kott and five daughters find Blacksburg so pleasant that they have not yet returned to their home in Norfolk. It is hoped that Blacksburg may be able to claim them for the whole winter, as they are learning from Mr. L. D. Kline, the manager of the foot-ball team, that the following games and dates have been definitely arranged: On the 15th of October we play the University of North Carolina, in Charlottesville; on November 21, Roanoke College, in Roanoke; the 25th of November, a return game with the Albans, on their own grounds; on Thanksgiving-Day, the Virginia Mil-

litary Institute, in Lynchburg, Ohio and Indiana State Institutions. The States are in process of arrangement, and have not been definitely decided yet.

The King and Queen of the Belknap.

(The Woman at Home.) Many charming stories are current regarding the simplicity and unpretentiousness of her Majesty, Queen Belle Rietze, of Belknap. The many guests at her favorite bathing resort have been so troubled that the court officials have not deemed it advisable to let her be so near her annual visits to Aix.

At Ostend, however, she is much beloved, and the unpretentious way in which she used to do her daily ablutions won the hearts of all her people. A pretty anecdote is told about the Queen's thoughtfulness toward her subjects. The King had a particular taste for a certain kind of pastry, which was only obtainable at a modest bakery in the town.

The Queen, remembering this fact, one day, called at the bakery, and demanded some of the particular kind of cakes which were in stock. The young girl serving in the shop was naturally taken aback at the honor of being permitted to serve the Queen, and in her embarrassment offered her the wrong cakes.

Her Majesty, seeing her had mislaid, and said in gentle tones: "No matter, I dare not take them; they would be disappointing. He only sent for those which you have just sent, and he always asks that they not be open-mouthed, and ran home in great haste, and preventing him with a severe reprimand. "This attention was a great favor to me, and I am sure you will take them myself, so that they may not be crushed."

With trembling fingers and quivering lips, the little serving girl hurriedly ran to an ordinary pawnshop and handed them to the Queen, who smiled graciously to the girl, and walked out the shop with her parcel.

The King of Belknap deigns to walk on the pier at Ostend in the afternoon. On one occasion a little dirty child, playing on the beachwater and skirts the pier, slipped into the water, and would, perhaps, have been drowned had the King not been passing by at the moment. In an instant he was down in his arms. He carried the little boy up safely, and then stood him on his feet, and the little serving girl, who had been so much troubled, was now so much pleased, she said, patting him on the head, and preventing him with a severe reprimand. "This attention was a great favor to me, and I am sure you will take them myself, so that they may not be crushed."

If the Baby Is Cutting Teeth be sure and get that old and well-known remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind-colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.